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 Title: MANGANESE SUPEROXIDE DISMUTASE GENE
 POLYMORPHISM FOR PREDICTING CANCER SUSCEPTIBILITY
 Applicant: Lenz, et al.
 Assignee: University of Southern California
 USC Ref. No.: 3015
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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO
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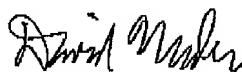
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002 ("Office Action"). A one month extension of time is requested. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT**In The Claims**

Please amend the claims as indicated below. A clean copy of the pending claims under consideration is provided below. A marked up version of the amended claims is provided in Appendix I. Support for the claim amendments may be found throughout the application as filed, and in at least the following places: page 2, lines 16-20, page 4 lines 18-26, page 35 line 28-page 36 line 7, and Figure 2. The claim amendments therefore add no new matter.